



FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

The largest slaughter house in the world is in Kansas City, Kan.

The trade of all South America is not equal to that we have with Canada.

By the use of a process invented at Bridgeport, Conn., wooden doors are being electroplated with copper or brass.

Lake Superior is the deepest of the great lakes. Its greatest depth is 1,003 feet and the lake is 601 feet above the level of the sea.

In Los Angeles, Cal., there is an ordinance imposing a fine of five dollars for allowing chickens to run on the streets and other people's property.

Theodore Roosevelt is the fifth president who has held membership in the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, the others being John Quincy Adams, Pierce, Garfield and Arthur.

A French naval ensign has been dismissed from the fleet for writing a satirical novel in which several of the leading officers were criticised and caricatured in a very sarcastic fashion.

Colorado, Nevada and California have no representation on the committee on mines and mining in the present house of representatives. Territorial Delegate Smith, of Arizona, is a member of the committee.

IN THE WAY OF VARIETY.

The Seattle assay office has handled \$55,000,000 since its establishment.

Maximian, the Roman emperor, was over eight feet high, and could wear his wife's bracelet as a thumb ring.

The Commercial club of Louisville uses advertising space in street cars and on billboards to enjoin readers to patronize home industries.

One Foxcroft (Me.) farmer had to shovel out 270 sheep in his pasture. The snow was 30 inches deep, and the sheep were scattered over a wide area, so that it took a large crew of men with shovels to rescue them.

The first salt was produced in this country prior to 1620, and in the various reports of the federal census mention is made of not less than 32 states in which salt has at some period been produced in considerable quantities.

When a cargo of bananas arrives at New Orleans or Mobile, the fruit is sold at once to local dealers, while the green bunches are sent northward by a special train. As it proceeds, the train slowly dwindles, for sections of it are dropped at this point or that and sent off in various directions until finally it is broken up altogether, and the last car is sidetracked at some town in the far northwest.

TRADE AND FINANCE.

The record for the price of a seat on the New York stock exchange was broken recently, when H. E. Montgomery paid \$80,000 for a seat that was bought in 1869 for \$400.

The crops of 1901 in Manitoba were very large, official returns showing 50,500,000 bushels of wheat, 27,796,000 bushels of oats, 6,536,000 bushels of barley, and 4,800,000 bushels of potatoes.

The American Sugar Refining company, commonly called the sugar trust, has recently paid off its mortgage of \$10,000,000, which was made in 1891 and would not have matured until 1911.

The Association of Merchants in Berlin has sent to the federal council a memorial asking for the legislative regulation of trade combinations in order that the artificial raising of prices may be avoided.

According to the estimate of the Railroad Gazette, 4,518 miles of railroad were built in the United States in 1901, Texas leading (537 miles) in the list of states and territories, with Oklahoma (398) second, and West Virginia third.

TECHNICALITIES OF THE LAW.

An ordinance limiting the height of billboards to six feet unless permission to exceed that height is expressly given by the common council is held in Rochester vs. West (N. Y.), 53 L. R. A. 548, not to be unreasonable or an undue restraint on a lawful trade or business, or upon a lawful and beneficial use of private property.

An ordinance forbidding the keeping of any inclosure or in connection with any room where intoxicating liquors may be sold by a license dealer, which is or can be by any ingenuity or pretense be used as a lounging or drinking place or for any immoral purpose, is held in State vs. Bardage (Minn.), 53 L. R. A. 428, to be reasonable and valid.

Mer failure of an indorsee to present a check for payment for 11 months, during which time the maker paid the amount to the payee on his assurance that the check was mislaid and that he would return it when found, is held in Bradley vs. Andrus (C. C. A. 3d C.), 53 L. R. A. 432, not to estop him from enforcing payment, where the maker relied wholly on the word of the payee in making his pay-

HE WAS TOO COOL.

Drummer Acted Like a Hero in an Emergency, But Was Laughed At by His Friends.

"I had flattered myself for a long time that I would be a cool hand in the face of danger," said the drummer to a Chicago Journal reporter, "and when a fire alarm was sounded in a hotel one night I did not find myself a failure. I turned out of bed as quietly as you please, got into my clothes without undue haste, and looked out into the hall with contempt for the guests who were falling over each other and fainting away. My grip was open, and I waited to replace everything and lock it, and then I walked out to the nearest



REPLACED EVERYTHING.

fire-escape and dropped my grip to the ground.

"The fire-escape was simply a rope fastened to a hook, and I was four stories up. The hall was dark with smoke, and I could hear men shouting and women screaming, but I pledge you my word that I wasn't a bit rattled as I loosed the coil of rope and backed out of the window.

"I was a bit chilly, perhaps, as I found myself swinging 50 feet from the ground, but I got down without further damage than burning and tearing the skin off my palms.

"I reached terra firma to feel myself a hero, but the feeling didn't last over ten minutes. Then the firemen got the best of the flames, and as I entered the hotel the night clerk said:

"Ah, you here? I didn't see you come down."

"I got out by the hall window," I replied.

"You did? Why, man, the fire was way back over the kitchen, and there is a stairway within ten feet of that window! Why didn't you take a whole week in which to come down the regular way?"

HOLES IN THE SNOW.

Maine Bootleggers Use Them in Place of Holes in the Wall for Storage of Liquor.

A Bangor (Me.) correspondent writes that the queerest freak of the long list brought into the world by the Maine liquor law was witnessed in Portland recently, where the street peddlers of whisky began using the snowdrifts as storage places for their goods.

The peddlers fear to carry their stocks upon their persons, as detec-



HE PULLED ONE.

tion would make them liable to a heavy fine or imprisonment, and the man who first evolved the snowbank idea made a lucky hit. The peddler selects a good, deep drift, located where a good many people pass near, and punches a lot of holes deep into the snow. Into the holes he puts his whisky, in half-pint bottles, and then he goes away a block or two and watches—keeping one eye on the snowbank bar and the other out for customers.

When a customer is landed he is assessed 30 cents, having paid which he is directed, with many a cautious wink and whisper, to the snowbank and told to "pull one." He is closely watched, and should he attempt to "pull" more than one of the bottles he would find himself in big trouble, for the peddler has a good many friends and "agents" around handy.

Chance for Pompadour Boys.

A druggist in Omaha will not employ in his store any man who parts his hair in the middle.

Big Boom in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is showing considerable business activity. It already has eight printing offices.

REYNARD'S SUPPER.

This story of the skill of the fox in hunting wild ducks, and his cleverness in pre-empting at subsequent game dinners, is told by a sportsman of Virginia, according to the New York Sun:

"I was one day beating the meadows for quails down on my farm in Loudoun county," said he, "when I saw a small flock of mallards fly up from the east and settle down in a small lake lying about a mile from my house. A mallard in the pond is worth many absent quails," I said to myself, and went after the ducks.

"My approach to the lake was covered by a considerable bluff overhanging the shore. When I had crawled stealthily through the bushes and peeped over the edge I perceived that I was not the only hunter in the brush, and that other eyes than mine were greedily fixed upon the ducks which were sporting in the clear water not 60 yards from where I lay. The eyes in question belonged to a hungry red fox that sat on the shore immediately under the bluff, gazing longingly at the succulent game dinner, which, to all appearances, was not attainable for him.

"Now, when I found that Br'er Fox was chasing the same quarry as I, I became more interested in the woodcraft of that noted huntsman and barnyard brigand than I was in bagging a brace of the mallards for my own dinner. Therefore, I lay quietly concealed in the bushes to watch the outcome of the affair.

"The fox sat quite still for awhile, evidently studying the strategic possibilities of the situation, which to me seemed hopeless enough for him. As he sat there musing a plan of operations, the ducks began to drift slowly toward the nearer end of the lake, evidently with the intention of taking a nap, hidden in the long grasses. The fox seemed to divine their purpose and instantly arose on all fours, quivering with excitement. He stood for a moment in the attitude of a pointer that has just started a bird, and then, crouching down, he sneaked along the shore to where the rushes were thickest. Then he waded into the water and disappeared in the reeds. Nothing more was to be seen of him.

"The ducks gradually drifted toward the rushes, finally entered among them and were lost to view. For some time there was not a sign of life to be seen nor a sound to be heard over the whole lake. Suddenly, I heard a loud squalling of a captured duck; there was a great commotion among the rushes, a splashing of water and the sharp slapping sound of many wings as the alarmed ducks arose from the water and scurried off. Soon after the fox appeared swimming through the reeds, towing a good, fat mallard along by the neck.

"The fox brought the duck back to the shadow of the bluff, and, after several vigorous shakes to rid himself of the water, sat gloating over his prize, alternately sniffing at it and turning it over with his paws. I had expected to see him proceed to devour the fowl without ceremony; but instead of doing so he scratched a hole in the ground, tumbled the duck into it, covered it up and scampered off as swiftly as though a pack of hounds in full cry were at his heels.

"Here's an epicurean for you," I said to myself; 'Reynard evidently likes his game high.'

"Nevertheless, I suspected that this was not to be the end of the affair, and, curious to see how my friend would act upon his return to find his dinner gone, I crawled down the embankment, resurrected the duck, filled up the hole and resumed my place of observation to await developments.

"An hour or more passed, and then I caught a glimpse of my friend approaching through the bushes along the margin of the lake, conducting to the feast board another fox more venerable looking than himself. The visiting fox did not seem to evince much confidence either in his host or in the object of his quest, for he came along haltingly and apparently unwillingly. But the host was all capers of pleasurable anticipation.

"In this manner the two foxes arrived at the cache, and, while the guest sat glumly by with a bored and skeptical air, the host proceeded at once to unearth the promised banquet. He scratched away merrily for awhile until he had excavated a hole large enough to have buried himself in without uncovering so much as a feather of the vaulted duck.

"The situation was becoming embarrassing. The manner of the guest was growing offensive; he was now confident that he was being imposed upon. The host, I believe, was beginning to think that he had caught a mole instead of a duck. He paused occasionally to sniff in the hole, but immediately resumed excavations until he was obliged to desist from sheer fatigue.

"The two disappointed epicures sat upon opposite sides of the pit gazing ruefully at each other; the one with the air of a respectable member of a community who had been made the subject of a cruel hoax; the other with the mien of a beneficent fox who was the innocent victim of most unaccountable and untoward circumstances. Then my friend, with a hope born of despair, set to work in the hole again, scratching desperately with all fours; but with the same result as before. As he sat himself dejectedly down again his guest gave him a reproachful look, turned tail upon him and walked contemptuously away.

"Poor Reynard sat quite despondent after his guest's departure. Stung with remorse upon so hospitable a creature, I knew the duck over the embankment in hopes that my friend would seize it and make after his offended guest. But the descent of the dead fowl alarmed him and he coursed off like a sorrel comet, with his bushy tail streaming after him.

"That evening I walked over to the lake shore again. The duck was gone. It is to be hoped that the fox returned for it and that he squared himself with his venerable friend."

Gen. Hamilton's Spectacles.

A very remarkable story is current with regard to Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton's spectacles. It appears that the gallant officer, then a subaltern, lost a pair of spectacles in the battle of Majuba hill. They were apparently picked up by a Boer, whom they suited, and who kept them for 20 years. In the early part of the present year the spectacles were found on the body of a dead Boer. The case had Gen. Hamilton's name on it, and they were in due course returned to their original owner.

Old Locomotive Engineer.

John McCurdy recently completed his fiftieth year as engineer on the Michigan Central railroad, and although 70 years of age, makes daily trips between Michigan City and Jackson, 133 miles.

You need not close the old account before opening a new one.

January Sacrifice Of Fine Furniture

Parlor Suites,
Parlor Chairs,
Parlor Cabinets,
Pedestals,
Dining Tables,
Dining Chairs,
Side Tables,
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Dinner Sets,
Tea Sets,
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Game Sets,
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IN THE

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Friday, February 14, 1902.

She will be assisted by her brother,

Wm. Calvin Chase, Jr.

Both are Pupils of their Mother, Mrs. A. V. McCabe Chase.

Recital will begin promptly at 8 P. M.

ADMISSION - - - 15 CENTS.

THEODORE C. SEARCH.

Philadelphia Hat Manufacturer
Wants to Be Secretary of Commerce and Industries.

Theodore C. Search, the president of the reciprocity convention which recently met at Washington, is an optimist of the first water. He says the convention marks "a great stride toward reciprocity." Nearly everybody else bade the delegates good-by with the feeling that, like the king of France, they had merely "marched up the hill and down again," for the resolutions adopted favored only that brand of reciprocity which interferes with no American industry. The average man is of the opinion that this kind of reciprocity is no reciprocity at all, for, as President McKinley said, this country must confer favors if it is to receive favors, and some lines of trade are pretty sure to be interfered with when we begin to extend concessions in exchange for foreign commerce.

Mr. Search is said to be a candidate for the new cabinet position which will be created by the establishment of the proposed department of commerce and industries. He is a Philadelphia

manufacturer, and his friends say he is admirably fitted for the place. Those who are pushing his claims hint that it is his due for being identified with the original movement demanding the new department. The Chicago Post points out that Chicago business men were the pioneers in this agitation, having brought the subject before the administration four years ago. Chicago, continues that paper, should not let the Quaker City steal its thunder, and when the time comes might ask with good grace for the appointment of one of its own citizens. Illinois has one cabinet member now; but so has Pennsylvania, for that matter.

Elephants Are Not Lazy.
An elephant sleeps only about five hours each day.

A City with a Surplus.
The city of Metz not only has no debts, but it has a surplus of \$79,400 marks.

Many Happy Old Couples.
A Boston paper has found 826 couples in New England who were married over 50 years ago, and are ready to celebrate their diamond wedding, surrounded, in most cases, by many descendants.